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	2	7,176,891 B2	02/13/2007	Inukai
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	5	WO 2002/057731	07/25/2002	WIPO	X	
	6	JP-A-2000-267803	09/29/2000	Japan	X	X
	7	JP-A-2001-236175	08/31/2001	Japan	X	X
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Notification of Reasons for Rejection

Patent Application No.: 2002-231116
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Clause Applied: Article 29, Paragraph 1; Article 29, Paragraph 2;
Article 29 (2)

This patent application should be rejected based on the following grounds. If you have any comments regarding this matter, file them in writing within 60 days of the date of this Notification.

Grounds

1. Since this invention according to the following claims of this patent application is identical with an invention that was published in the following publications which were distributed in Japan or abroad or an invention that was available to the public through electrical communication lines prior to the filing of the patent application, a patent cannot be granted therefore pursuant to the provisions of Article 29, paragraph 1(iii) of the Patent Law.
2. Since this invention according to the following claims of this patent application could have been easily made, prior to the filing of the patent application, by a person with ordinary skill in the art to which the invention belongs, on the basis of an invention that was published in the following publications which were distributed in Japan or abroad or an invention that was available to the public through electrical communication lines prior to the filing of the patent application, a patent cannot be granted therefore pursuant to the provisions of Article 29, paragraph 2 of the Patent Law.
3. Since this invention according to the following claims of this patent application is identical with an invention or device described in the specification or drawings originally attached to the request of the Japanese application for patent mentioned below, which was filed prior to the filing date of the subject application and was published internationally after the filing of the subject application, the inventor of the subject application is not identical with the inventor who has made said invention or device, and the applicant of the subject application is also not identical with the applicant of said application for patent at the time of filing of the subject application, a patent cannot be granted therefore pursuant to the provisions of Article 29(2) of the Patent Law (see Article 184 (13) of said Patent Law).

Discussion

*Claims 1 and 3

*Cited Documents 1 and 2

*Grounds 1 and 2

*Notes

There is no discernable difference between the invention according to claim 1 and the inventions described in Cited Documents 1 and 2.

A similar observation applies to the invention according to claim 3.

*Claim 2

*Cited Documents 1 - 3

*Ground 2

*Notes

Cited Document 3 discloses a pointing device using a strain sensor, wherein the strain sensor is serially connected with a trimmable chip resistor.

*Claims 1-3

*Cited Document 4

*Ground 3

The invention according to claims 1 to 3 is identical with the invention described in Cited Document 4.

If any ground for rejection is found later, it will be notified.

List of Cited Documents

1. JP Unexamined Patent Publication No. 2000-267803
2. WO International Publication No. 02/057731 Gazette
3. JP Unexamined Patent Publication No. 2001-236175
4. JP Unexamined Patent Publication No. 2002-565323 (JP Patent Publication No. 3462494)

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Record of Prior Art Document Investigation Results

Field investigated: IPC G06F 3/03